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## FRANK BLASTS POLICE

State Rep. Barney Frank of Boston this week accused the Boston Police of engaging in a type of interrogation system which "blatantly discriminates against homosexuals." Frank was referring to the Field Interrogation and/or Observation system, which is used to keep records on "suspicious persons" by the police.

Several weeks ago, the Homophile Union of Boston charged that the police were using this system as a form of harassment against gay people, and questioned the system's legality. Police Comr. Robert J. di Grazia has denied the charges.

In a letter to diGrazia, Frank stated that the FIO system is not cognizant of the rights of individual citizens. He also attacked the unwillingness of the police department to disclose what persons have ac-

cess to the FIO files. Frank demanded the immediate appointment of a citizens committee to examine the entire question of the FIO system. Frank suggested that police department officials, representatives of the City Law Department, and groups concerned with civil liberties be on such a committee.

In addition, Frank demanded that an inspection form currently in use by the Intelligence Division be immediately changed. The form, "Inspection of Licensed Premises," contains a section for reporting the number of persons FIO-ed during the inspection of any liquor-licensed business. Among the qualifying elements for FIOs are: "Known criminals," "Known prostitutes," and "Homosexuals - especially those in drag." Frank demanded that the

last category be expunged.

He said, "To include homosexuals in this list is to elevate private prejudice to the status of a criminal violation, and represents an intolerable intrusion by the police on the privacy of individual citizens."

Frank continued, "Not only is the inclusion of 'homosexuals' in this list itself a serious abuse of power, it increases my conviction that the entire FIO system needs changing, since it indicates that homosexuals are unfairly singled out for the FIO procedure."

Frank concluded by reiterating his demands for a full and complete study of the implications of the use of FIOs on individual civil liberties, and the immediate change in the Inspection of Licensed Premises form.

### WARNING

A gay man and three friends were attacked by four youths with tire irons and crowbars on Mt. Vernon St., Boston, about 2:15 a.m. Friday. The attackers escaped in a white Nash Rambler, two-door, about 1959 vintage. One man was seriously beaten in the groin and two others suffered head injuries. No one remembered to get the license number. The four have been seen in and out of their car and reportedly have, also, beaten or harassed gay people in several other parts of the city. Anyone seeing them is urged to get the license number of the car and as complete a description as possible, and to call the police and this newspaper. Under no circumstances should they be approached.

## INVESTIGATION . . . Jordan Marsh

by Tom Hurley

Even with directions I always get lost in Jordan Marsh, so I was quite surprised at how easy it was to get to the third floor men's room. I was further surprised when I discovered a clean, well-lighted antechamber with mirrors and sinks leading to an equally clean, well-lighted room with commodes and urinals. Right out of Howard Johnson's or Hot Shoppes, a public convenience anywhere in America: sanitary, efficient to the point of severity, characterless. Hardly what the imagination pictures as the scene of a crime.

But this men's room is the scene of repeated crimes, for it is a prominent Boston tearoom. It has become all the more prominent in the last year as Jordan Marsh officials have regularly arrested a large number of men and prosecuted them for violations of the sex laws of Massachusetts.

Very few people are willing to talk about the occurrences here. Men who have been arrested are afraid of even more exposure; JM officials, seemingly afraid of bad publicity, continue the arrests but are very reluctant to talk about them. All parties are embarrassed; perhaps by not talking about it, the problem will go away.

I entered the men's room because the problem comes back almost daily as men are arrested for what is, at worst, an act of stupidity. Specifically, I went to read and copy down a sign on the wall opposite the door: "This facility is intended for the convenience of customers and employees. Any use of this facility for other than its intended purpose is strictly prohibited." I copied quickly so I could be finished before the little suit salesman turned away from the urinal and saw me writing, surely a use of this facility for other than its intended purpose. If he panicked at the sight of a man scribbling in a men's room, he might alert the guard who stands behind a grating at the far end of the commodes.

This sign is "very carefully worded," according to the first JM security man I spoke to. "Other than its intended purpose" is a crystal clear phrase to him. As I pondered his smiling assurance that the sign should mean to all what it means to more than one interpretation: does it forbid smoking? or taking a break from selling suits? or just sitting on a throne thinking about something other than JM or the state of the world? or masturbating alone in the privacy of a stall?

Tony Bosco doesn't think the sign is perfectly clear either: "That sign is far from the point; it's not going to do the job adequately" of telling men that they stand an excellent chance of being arrested if they attempt any sexual act, together or alone, in the third floor men's room of JM. The sign doesn't inform people, as Tony and attorney Richard Rubino assert, that "dozens" of men have been arrested. The sign doesn't tell you about the watchman behind the grating. The sign doesn't tell you that JM doesn't discriminate between employees and customers who use the room for other than the store's idea of the in-

tended purpose. Several months ago Richard Rubino tried to get JM to put up a sign spelling out all these things, but JM refused to do so because it would scare away customers.

Bosco was no more concerned than most of us about occasional, vague reports of JM arrests until one of his friends got busted; the friend is currently scheduled to stand trial on August 7 and could go to jail for three years. Now Bosco is involved, and he's not alone. Several weeks ago, at a meeting of the Allston-Brighton Gay Civic Group, he brought up the issue and found that his neighbors were upset too. Last week GCN published a letter Bosco sent to the President of Jordan Marsh expressing his group's anger at the arrests and prosecutions, asking for a change in policy, suggesting that JM place an attendant in the men's room, offering to meet and discuss

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# Talking Politics

by David P. Brill

I am encouraged, I am frank to say, by the response to my remarks of a fortnight ago. Controversiality breeds thought, and thinking breeds action.

Inhibitive and vile socialism is the most repugnant form of government that I, as a gay person concerned with freedom and liberty, can conceive. The treatment of homosexuals in socialist organizations has traditionally been one of exploitation and insincerity, which was pointed out earlier this year in GCN in an article by Dr. Satya Klein. The nation works on a party system, and it's up to us to make it work for us, not to try to toss it out. Furthermore, I will go so far as to say that the recent loss of the gay anti-discrimination legislation in the city of Worcester was not solely the result of anti-gay fears and hatred. I feel that the appearance of the Socialist Workers Party on the scene contributed greatly to the loss, and fueled fears of gay people. I would suggest that other groups interested in achieving such legislative goals divorce themselves from the SWP, if they truly are interested in visible, effective change. On to less caustic topics...

Back Bay-Beacon Hill Gays can rest a little (but not much) easier now, knowing that they won't have Louise Day Hicks or South Boston Representative Ray Flynn for a Senator. Sen. Billy Bulger has declined Gov. Sargent's nomination for a judgeship. Bulger is on his way to the leadership of the Senate, so it would be worth it now if some of his many gay constituents in the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and Allston areas meet with him to discuss his anti-gay voting record.

State Rep. Barney Frank has no opponent in either the primary or general elections for his Back Bay-Beacon Hill-Bay Village seat, which is rather unusual for a freshman rep. This speaks well for his popularity. Rep. Frank has always been noted for his style, and is now showing some good political strength as well.

What is it about the neighboring communities of Framingham and Natick? The *Natick Suburban Press*, a small-town weekly, was one of only two Massachusetts newspapers to endorse gay rights legislation this year. Senator Ed Burke of Framingham scared the hell out of the MBTA when he went to bat on behalf of the Lavender Rhinos and Gay Media Action. And Rep. Barbara Gray, also of Framingham, was the floor sponsor for our legislation this year barring discrimination in public employment. The other area reps, Bob Owens, Lou Nickinello, and Walter Burke, all voted for our legislation this year also. Interesting? How's this: None of the representatives will have any opposition this year in either election! (As a side note to all this, Rep. Gray would like to talk about the issues with her gay constituents in the Natick-Framingham area. Call her at the State House, 727-8206.)

Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPP-Pax) has advised me that they plan to include questions regarding gay rights in their questionnaire which they will mail to every House candidate in the State, to survey them on the issues. This will save the gay community a great deal of time and money, and we should thank them for it. CPP-Pax is a liberal, "New Politics" organization that lobbies for civil liberties, prison reform, election reform, and environmental and educational issues. A \$5 membership is all it takes to receive monthly bulletins that include the voting records of all your legislators on dozens of

important issues. It's a great way to keep tabs on your legislators' votes, and well worth it. Their address is 11 South St., Boston, Mass. 02111.

I hope that Gays in the Fitchburg-Leominster area are going all out to help Sen. Bob Hall this year. He filed several pieces of gay rights legislation this year, and is being attacked by his opponents for it. If Hall does not win, other politicians will attribute his loss to his pro-gay actions (which could hurt us tremendously), and that is regrettable. Actually, though, he would be in a bad position no matter which issues he fought for, since he's a Republican in a 3-to-1 Democratic district. (He was elected by a minority last time around because of a third-party candidate.) How does that district come by such a good Senator (Republican!) as Hall, as well as two of the most atrocious House members in the Commonwealth, Reps. Gerald Lombard and George Bourque, both of Fitchburg?

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## GAYS BRUNCH

by Jared D. Goldfine

Approximately 20 people were present at this month's Active Gays brunch, held at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. Topics at this month's brunch ranged from stirring interest in legislation affecting gay people, to recent incidents of violence directed at gay men, and the Gay United Fund.

A spokesperson from HUB, an organization which has done much work for gay legislation, suggested that some sort of "solidarity-communication" be held in the early fall in order to get people interested in and working on the legislation. Another purpose of such a gathering would be for gay groups and individuals to learn how to best push through such legislation. No specific event has yet been planned; further information will be made available.

Randy Gibson reported on his testimony at the hearings on the Children's Rights Campaign. Gibson testified that there were no articles in the proposed legislation that would protect gay youth, and the gay community should work to make rights for gay youth part of a children's rights bill.

A brief report was given on beatings that have taken place in the Boston area in the past month of which gay men have been the victims.

There was some discussion of the possibility of contacting bar owners about establishing non-alcoholic bars within their bars for younger gays in order that they would not be so strongly encouraged to drink alcoholic beverages.

The Gay United Fund presented a report on how it will be organized. G.U.F. hopes to raise funds from foundations, government, private business and individuals. A community decision making board will be authorized to distribute funds. That board will be chosen through open recruitment, and submission of resumes by applicants.

Two advisory boards will be established, one made up of representatives of existing gay community organizations, the other board will be composed of respected people who will lend credence to the campaign. G.U.F. intends to start soliciting funds early next year and begin dispensing funds by the middle of the year.

The Active Gays Brunch is held on the first Saturday of every month at the Charles Street Meetinghouse. All people are invited to attend these monthly meetings.



Photo by Laura McMurry

The gay community made GCN's benefit premiere showing of "A Very Natural Thing" a smashing success. All performances were sold out and many people had to be turned away due to the small capacity of the movie house. Esquire Theatres in cooperation with New Line Cinema donated \$1,000 to GCN from the proceeds of the three shows. The money will be used to cover more than half of GCN's still outstanding bills. George Mansour, distributor for the theatre who arranged the benefit for GCN, said that the opening of "A Very Natural Thing" in other cities such as Providence, Worcester, Springfield and elsewhere will, also, be benefits for local gay groups of those areas. The next scheduled opening is in Providence, R.I. on Aug. 14 at the Elmwood Theatre and will be for the benefit of MCC/Providence.

## Worcester Study Group

by Stephanie Bigusiak

Metropolitan Community Church of Boston has been instrumental in starting an MCC study group in Worcester. A small group of interested people contacted Boston church requesting information and help in formulating an MCC group. The Rev. Ms. Heather Anderson met the request and has been holding rap sessions followed by a short worship service for approximately a month now.

Two weeks ago the strong core group of eight made the decision they wanted to become an official MCC study group with hopes for the future of becoming Metropolitan Community Church/Worcester. A petition was signed by the group which will be presented at the Universal Fellowship of

Metropolitan Community Churches' General Conference in San Francisco on Aug. 6. The petition requests the Worcester study group be officially recognized as an MCC study group.

A spokesperson for the group said, "The people in this group have worked hard together to get where they are now in spite of some minor opposition." Success seems imminent for this hard-working Christian group.

Anyone interested in learning more about this group may contact Rev. Ms. Heather Anderson, MCC/Boston (523-7664) or may write c/o MCC Study Group of Worcester, P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543. Meetings are held on Monday night at 8 p.m. in the Worcester Gay Union office, 82 Franklin St., Worcester.

## Gay Concerns

by John Kyper

At its annual General Assembly in June, the Unitarian-Universalist Association voted to authorize an Office of Gay Concerns, to be located at the Association's Boston headquarters. This action is the result of three years of lobbying by the denomination's Gay Caucus.

The office is tentatively scheduled to be established by the Board of Trustees in October. It is planned as a center for education and counseling for gay Unitarian-Universalists, as well as promoting dialogue with non-gays.

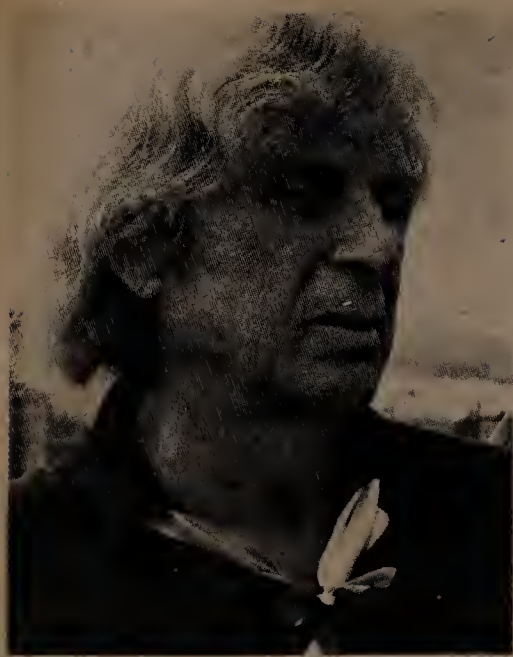
The Gay Caucus is interested in communicating with candidates for Director, Office of Gay Concerns. This position requires experience in administration, interpersonal, communication and educational skills. The Director has the responsibility for setting up and developing the Office. Salary ap-

proximately \$12,000 per year.

Those interested should send resume to UUGC, GCN Box 1000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108.







## Parker Tyler 1907-1974

One of the greatest American critics of cinema and culture, Parker Tyler, died in New York City on July 24. Parker Tyler was the first American to write on non-commercial cinema from an esthetic viewpoint—and was very definitely the most intelligent and extensive observer of the underground scene. He was one of the first public figures in America to be openly gay, living for many years with a well-known filmmaker on New York City's Charles Street near Sheridan Square. He himself became a legend in his own time, a mythic figure of Greenwich Village bohemia, a man whose work was even obliquely referred to in *Myra Breckinridge*. But Parker Tyler was also part of the culture he observed, writing several volumes of poetry, a novel, and a play.

Born in New Orleans on March 6, 1907, Parker Tyler came to New York City as a young man. In 1928, he began to correspond from New York City with Charles Henri Ford, who was then starting a poetry periodical in Mississippi. By 1932, Tyler was having his poetry published in national periodicals alongside such luminaries as William Carlos Williams. In 1933, Tyler and Charles Henri Ford published their co-

written novel *The Young and Evil*, about which Gertrude Stein wrote, "It creates its generation in the way F. Scott Fitzgerald created his generation."

In the late thirties and early forties, Tyler spent much time in Hollywood, observing the Hollywood product and its incipient madness, and becoming acquainted with the early leaders of American underground cinema such as Maya Deren. Returning to New York City in 1944, he published one of the first original evaluations of Hollywood, a landmark book of criticism entitled *The Hollywood Hallucination*, which was widely praised and very popular. Also edited *View*, a magazine of cultural affairs, and published another monumental book of American criticism, *Magic and Myth of the Movies*. This was followed by *Chaplin* (1948), a play entitled *The Screen* (1952), and a series of art books on Van Gogh, Renoir, Cezanne, Gauguin, Degas, and in 1944, he appeared briefly in Maya Deren's film *At Land*.

During the late forties, Parker Tyler Lautrec. In 1953, he participated in a famous symposium on cinema which included Dylan Thomas, Maya Deren, Arthur Miller, Willard Maas, and toehers. Tyler received a Longview Award in 1958, and later received both a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Ford Foundation grant.

In the sixties, Tyler became known more and more as the most literate and intelligent commentator on cinema and culture, always discriminating reativity from diletantism, yet never becoming priggish or inappropriately literary—as so many of his contemporaries did, and still do. His refreshing acceptance of the erotic, whether gay or straight, continued to find more and more expression throughout his later books. These later books include *Sex Psyche Etcetera in the Film* (1969), *Underground F Film* (1970), a book of verse entitled *The Will of Eros* (1972), *The Shadow of an Airplane Climbs the Empire State Building* (1972), and *Screening the Sexes* (1972). *Screening the Sexes* covers the gay straying of the supposedly straight cinema, including "all the sexes" which are portrayed throughout cinematic history. Recently, Parker Tyler was interviewed in the national gay periodical *Out*, for which he had also begun to review films.

Parker Tyler was a great but largely unsung hero of culture, particularly American culture. He was much abused during his lifetime, but his writing may well rise above that of his contemporaries as time goes by.

## MASS. CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN

by Carol Weisman

Massachusetts' Children's Campaign, an organized attempt to institute legal and social reforms in the realm of children's rights, has neglected to include in its platform any mention of rights of gay or maybe-gay children. The Children's Campaign Committee held a Platform Hearing last Wednesday at Boston University, at which the Committee's proposals were reviewed.

Rev. Randall Gibson of the Charles Street Meetinghouse testified at the hearings and indicated to committee members that they had made no mention of problems of homosexual children in their otherwise extensive platform. "What I said hit them like a bombshell," reported Randy. "They not only haven't acknowledged the special problems of honosexual children, they haven't as yet conceded the right of children to a sexual preference."

In his discussions with the committee, Gibson talked of the 10,000 children in

Massachusetts who are growing up gay. The committee voiced some skepticism at the figure, and Gibson told them it is conservative. "At the age of 14, children are considered sexual adults for legal purposes, so why shouldn't they have the right to choose sexual preference?" he asked.

While the committee exhibited surprise at Gibson's testimony, their attitude was positive. A number sought Gibson out after the meeting, and he was asked to draft a platform proposal for gay children to be included in the Children's Campaign Platform. Gibson asks that anyone interested in working with him on gay children's rights, or anyone with suggestions, contact him at the Meetinghouse.

The committee will present its finished platform to legislators coming up for reelection this November, and publicize the reaction of each to the various proposals it contains. The platform presently addresses such things as a Bill of Rights for Children, day care programs, bi-lingual education, special education for handicapped

## Jordan Marsh

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the issue, and promising a boycott and picket if the policy does not change. Since publishing the letter, Bosco has received lots of support from other gays.

At the group's most recent meeting (July 30) Bosco said, "We're not trying to be stars in this thing. We're just trying to stop this policy." It is the *arrest* policy he and other members of the gay community are exercised about. Their feelings about tearoom sex may vary, but they are all appalled at the penalty JM metes out. Bosco is particularly enraged about students and other young men who must bear the disgrace of arrest for the rest of their lives. But even as Bosco and his friends wait for an answer from JM, more men get zapped for their indiscretion. Bosco says that his arrested friend was told by the security guard, "We had a slow day today—only two" arrests.

Richrd Rubino knows of arrests in the men's room for at least the last three years; he has defended "dozens" of men who were caught there. Men have been arrested, according to Rubino, either for masturbating alone in a stall or for mutual acts between stalls, using the space below the partitions or a glory hole. Security guards witness the crime by looking either through the crack between the partition and the door, underneath the door, or from above.

Apart from feeling that the punishment does not fit the crime, Rubino sees a legal question involved in the way guards obtain evidence; doesn't one have a "right of privacy" when one is in a stall? Is it the state's business if you masturbate in a public convenience? In some states, test cases have elicited from the courts the opinion that individuals have a right to be free from observation while using a public toilet stall, but a test case has never been litigated in Massachusetts.

"You can't deal with it on the level of a test case if the client doesn't want to go that route," says Rubino. "The thing I concern myself with is the individual—getting him out in the best way."

The bit of good news in this otherwise gloomy story is that none of Rubino's clients has ever gone to jail nor has one ever received a permanent record; some were even found not guilty. But arrestees still pay the price of family and public disgrace, possible loss of a job, psychological scars, and other penalties for acts JM feels compelled to deal with by arrest and prosecution.

As of press time, JM has not responded to Bosco's letter, and the store still plans to go ahead with the prosecution of Bosco's friend. Trying to figure out why JM persecutes to the full extent of the law is as difficult as trying to find one's way among the store's floors, aisles, and escalators. The security men I talked with were surprising-

de-institutionalization of juvenile detention programs, enforcement of rules against sexism. Gibson was originally asked to testify concerning "status laws" whereby a child can be incarcerated for an offense—such as "stubborn child" for which there is no adult criminal penalty.

"One of the reasons the committee isn't coping with gay kids," speculated Gibson, "is that they're trying to get funding and legislative support. If they say they'll spend 15 cents on gay adolescents, it's all over." But Gibson indicated that pressure and support for gay children's rights from the gay community could help. If you're interested in this issue, contact Gibson or Lois Gehrman or Suzy Nagin of the Children's Campaign, 10 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. 02108, telephone 227-6506.

ly courteous and unsurprisingly uncommunicative. Talking to the assistant director of security, I began diplomatically by saying that I knew how many gay people felt about the issue, and wanted to hear the JM side. He seemed very interested in what gay people felt. I explained that while most people I'd talked with were down on tearoom sex but even more down on arrests for tearoom sex, he just smiled politely. Next we talked about the sign, and when I found one *did* exist I thought, finally a breakthrough: obviously there has been some communication. I continued more hopefully. How long had the problem existed? He began to weasle, but finally asserted that it had been "a good year-long problem" (Rubino had said the arrests had been going on for at least three years). How many arrests? He didn't know the exact number. "Dozens?" Polite smile: "There are too many arrests," he opined solemnly.

At this point, he called for the "manager" who put the lid on our conversation and sent me to Mr. Lee Slayton, Vice-President for Public Relations, seventh floor.

Slayton, though every bit as courteous as the security flunkies several floors and salary levels below him, was even less communicative. He was a busy man, looking up from charts, notes, and the conversation of a colleague. Problem? What problem did I mean? He wasn't sure there had been arrests, had only heard rumors. He hadn't seen any letter from a group about this men's room business. The President had been in and out all week; maybe the letter was on his desk. Well, the policy is made by the management collectively, not by any one individual. Couldn't speak for the store but his personal viewpoint was that "any public convenience such as a men's room or a ladies' room is a place where people can go without fear of seeing something that might upset them." Didn't recall any written complaints, may have heard of oral complaints. "I don't know why you're writing down what I'm saying." Really, he had no comment. "JM didn't start the problem." He would check into the letter later on if he had time, but he was going on vacation soon.

So how does one explain JM's policy? To accept Mr. Slayton's view, no single person makes these policies; the management does so collectively. Jordan Marsh, like some idiot computer programmed with the narrowest kind of straight morality, begins clicking and whirring at the sight of gay sexual activity (or, if we recall the arrests for masturbation, any kind of sexual activity). The machine observes behavior it doesn't approve of, recalls the tape of some neanderthal statute that calls the behavior a crime, and immediately prints out an order for the musclebound weight of the law to stomp all over the lives of the unsuspecting or indiscrete.

And JM wonders why it, of all the stores, institutions, universities with tearooms, gets attacked by the gay community. Maybe it's because while JM is legitimately concerned with protecting the privacy of some of its customers and employees, it tramples unmercifully all over the rights of other customers and employees. Maybe because while other places might enforce the law once in a great while, JM enforces it daily. Or perhaps Tony Bosco puts it best: "Why JM? Because Jordan's is the only one we know who's prosecuting. As we discover others, they'll go on our list. If Jordan's doesn't want to deal with it in a civilized way, then we'll have to deal with Jordan's in a less than civilized way."





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# REACT!!

## the forgotten

And again, the children. Now we can add to the list of forgotten youths in our community—not just the children of gay couples, or the youths sixteen and seventeen just below "legal" age of adulthood, but, also, the gay *children*, younger than that, have been lost in the maze of our concerns. Certainly in our work for our rights, eventually, these children will, hopefully, have a better adulthood—free of prejudices, persecution and attack than ours—but what about right now, during their childhood?

They cannot represent themselves at the state house, or, for the most part, speak in their own behalf. Without help from concerned adults they will continue to be lacking rights, forgotten in the confusion of the need for so many other civil rights in this adult world they will inherit. But these children are not only our future—their present is a part of our present. And if we ignore them now, they may choose to ignore us when this present is past.

# REACTIONS:

## FIO out your way

[The following is an open letter to Robert DiGrazia, Commissioner Police Headquarters Boston]

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to you about the use of FIO's by the Department. I recognize their value to the department in some instances, but I am also very unhappy about the grave danger which their use poses to civil liberties.

I have two requests to make of you regarding FIOs. First, I believe that it is imperative that a broad-based committee be established with representation from the Police Department, the Law Department, and citizen groups concerned with civil liberties and privacy, to examine the entire question and to seek to establish a system that reconciles the legitimate needs of the police with the rights of individual citizens. I do not think that the present system is sufficiently cognizant of the latter. For example, the question of access to the FIOs is, in my view, very unsatisfactorily handled at present.

Second, and more immediately, I was appalled to learn through the vehicle of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission hearings that the Police Department form for inspection of licensed premises blatantly discriminates against homosexuals. The form I have seen—which I understand was acknowledged to be the form used by the Department by Deputy Supt. Doyle—contains a section numbered 5 which deals with FIOs. Under that number, there are three categories listed: "known criminals," "known prostitutes," and "homosexuals (especially those in drag)." The inclusion of this last category in this list is an absolute outrage. The first two categories deal with criminal violations. To include homosexuals in this list is to elevate private prejudice to the status of a criminal violation and represents an intolerable intrusion by the police on the privacy of individual citizens.

Not only is the inclusion of "homosexuals" in this list itself a serious abuse of power, it increases my conviction that the entire FIO system needs changing, since it indicates that homosexuals are unfairly singled out for the FIO procedure . . .

Sincerely,  
Barney Frank  
Representative,  
Back Bay, Beacon Hill,  
Boston

Dear GCN:

Today I received my first copy of your paper as a regular subscriber. I have read it in its entirety and enjoyed it very much. I first became acquainted with it by the old editions that were distributed at the "Summerthing" event at the Charles River Plaza. Being a "closet queen," subscribing to your paper is a radical departure for me. At the same time, I can't see myself marching in a gay lib parade. I hope I am beginning to, and will do more to support our cause—but in my own way, convincing my friends to lend support, financial aid, and letting my governmental, school, and business organizations feel some pressure. I hope that these efforts and those of my friends, that I can get to help, will be considered useful and encouraged by the paper, and not deprecated because we're not "marching."

If you consider this helpful, I feel that GCN could be an excellent vehicle for encouraging it. As a concrete suggestion, I think distributing free copies . . . at events where one would expect a large group of "uptight queens" would be helpful. Encourage those who seem embarrassed to take one. I would hope that GCN's subscriptions would grow and that more financial support would be forthcoming, but the least that could be expected would be that more people would be aware of what is happening in the gay community.

This is the first letter that I have written to a newspaper, be it gay or straight. I hope in the future to ask you to use my name if you wish, but at this time I would prefer to remain anonymous.

[Name withheld by request]

[Ed. Note: GCN feels that there is no "one way" to our liberation, and the methods largely depend on one's personality and situation, although we try to encourage cooperation and participation. Our aim is a personal liberation for all gay people, a real understanding of "gay pride," and marching is just one, although important, method of achieving this. Your letter is very heartening to the staff of GCN, for when things get tough we sometimes wonder if anyone is really out there.]

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# Gay Couples Keep, Adopt Children

by Tom Hurley

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon's book *Lesbian/Woman* (1972) pointed out the difficulties gay women, particularly women who live with their lovers, have had in maintaining custody of children from a previous marriage. In one case, a woman was denied custody and allowed visitation rights only in the presence of her child's father—this on the basis of a psychiatrist's testimony that although the woman was a stable, sensitive person, a heterosexual environment was preferable for a growing child. The law, reflecting the society that creates it, does not approve of gay love. The courts have traditionally found a gay household, whether male or female, unsuitable for raising children. But *Lesbian/Woman* records another case: a woman openly declared her love for another woman; the husband's lawyer could find nothing in her background to prove her unsuitable as a parent; the woman won unrestricted custody of her children.

Martin and Lyon were quick to point out that the first case was far more the rule than the second, but the situation two years after the publication of their book appears to be changing. "Women in Transition," a Philadelphia group that helps divorced and separated women, is currently investigating custody and visitation rights of gay mothers. Favorable precedents are hard to come by, but a recent Washington state decision may give the group the argument they need. A Tacoma judge not only granted a Lesbian permanent custody of her three children but did so without preventing her from living with her lover. The court's decision was based on testimony by a sociologist, a movie called *Sandy and Madeleine's Family* made by Sandy Schuster, co-founder of the Gay Mother's Legal and Defense Fund, and a social worker's investigation of the family environment. Nothing in the woman's background, the judge declared, made her unfit to have cus-

tody of her children.

But one legal precedent does not mean a sudden change in the attitudes of society. The courts need to be educated, case by case, before they will reject the assertion that homosexuality is a necessary bar to child custody. And educating the courts is one of the things Boston attorney Richard Rubino tries to do whenever he argues a gay case. He explains that although a woman in a child custody case is usually *presumed* to be fit, the presumption reverses itself when the mother is a Lesbian. But, Rubino would argue, statistics show that gay people who bring up children no more affect the sexual preference of their offspring than do straights. From that fact, Rubino moves to the question of what is best for the child, given the individual circumstances of each case. He also asks questions like to parents want a court fight? How sympathetic has the judge been in the past? Usually, Rubino notes, custody cases can be worked out before the formal court appearance. In any case, he recommends that a client neither confirm nor deny his or her gayness. If the non-gay partner raises the issue, Rubino feels confident he can persuade the court of its irrelevance.

Gay couples are also adopting children with increasing frequency. In fact, adoption agencies are seeking gay parents for the large number of gay children who have severe problems living with their straight families. Of course, not all the authorities have hopped on the bandwagon; some have even tried to pull its wheels off. In the state of Washington the head of the Department of Social and Health Services tried to prevent gays from becoming foster parents by changing adoption regulations. The proposed rules specified, among other things, that "foster parents shall be persons who have satisfactory, stable interpersonal relationships, free of chronic conflict both

within and without the family group and who are without severe problems in their sexual orientation." After continued pressure from gay groups, the wording was modified, omitting "severe problems in their sexual identification" but retaining phrases which could be used against homosexuals. Gay Oregonians have run into similar problems with the state's Department of Human Resources.

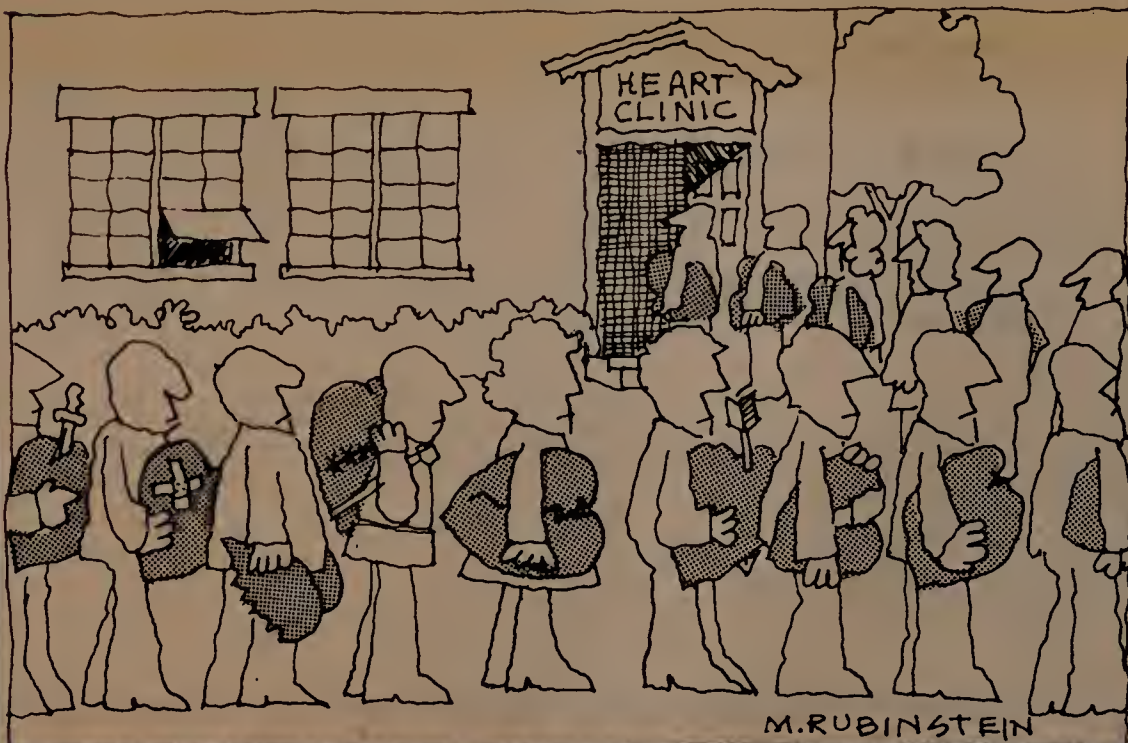
But on the plus side, a Philadelphia lesbian couple are now foster parents for a 15-year-old transvestite boy. The boy had been shunted from the streets to straight foster families and back again. Although the judge was not aware of it, the adoption agency knew that the prospective couple was gay, and found them fully qualified to care for the youth. In Minnesota, Jack Baker and Jim McConnell, those indefatigable gay challengers of the law, have applied with several agencies to adopt a child. In New York City the National Gay Task Force recently announced a program to find homes for gay children. NGTF will search out mature gay people who want to help troubled younger gays and will then recommend the prospective parents to co-operating local agencies.

Boston's Homophile Community Health Service experimented with such a program but abandoned the effort last year. According to Rev. Don McGaw, director of

HCHS, the service had trouble finding couples who were: 1) financially sound; 2) together a long time; 3) not uptight about dealing with a gay teenager; 4) aware that they would not be "parents"—since McGaw feels that the parental-child relationship is inappropriate to adolescence. Unhappy with the idea of the nuclear family, McGaw would prefer a foster house made up of several gay adolescents, two gay adult men, and two gay adult women. Significantly, however, he found no problem with the state agencies, who were very willing to place gay youths with gay foster parents.

Whatever their life plans, gay people are now demanding that the law serve *their* needs as it does straights. Gay couples who want marriages and children are figuring out ways to change the law or get around it. That is the main point: people change the law, the law does not change by itself. The efforts of gay couples helps themselves and other gay couples, but they also make it easier for all gays to obtain equal justice under law. The courts, like society itself, must realize that we are here, and we are not going to be legislated away.

Cartoon by Mike Rubinstein



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## Complete List of Workshop Suggestions for CONFERENCE '74: AN AMAZON EXPEDITION

Total: Approx. 125 Suggested by 7/74

### A

- acid-feminism
- aggressive/passive behavior
- alcoholism
- alternatives to traditional masculine/feminine roles
- herstory of the Amazon
- asexuality and/or celibacy
- lesbian artists
- the arts

### B

- the bar scene
- bisexuality
- born or becoming gay
- breaking up
- for butch/femme only

### C

- carpentry
- child care/photography
- children
- child molestation
- college lesbians
- coming out
- \*a celebration for coming out for everyone who has come out and wants to really celebrate it or for those who are waiting to come out
- getting together a conference
- lesbians and daily contact with men
- Lesbianism: cohesive or atomistic?
- Lesbianism: what is it? who is it?
- Is there a Lesbian Cohesiveness Movement?
- lesbian contraptions
- lesbian couples
- cuddling versus the hot and heavy

### D

- drugs

### E

- education—sexism in the classroom & structure

### F

- primary family situations
- lesbians and feminism
- Lesbians/The Feminist Movement
- films
- 'first born, youngest, or only child?'

### G

- relating to and living with gay men
- gay life-styles

### H

- lesbian half-way houses
- \*lesbian life stories (oral herstories)
- herstory—philosophy, sociology, psychology, science
- \*herstory of female sexuality
- high school women
- hostilities among women—causes and how to deal with them
- the (latent) top-notch high schoolers?

### I

- institutionalized lesbians (mental)
- interpretative dance

### J

- jobs — \$

### L

- leadership/power/authority
- legal aid
- ways of living together
- women living alone
- loving

### M

- magazines—our own
- man-hating
- Marxist lesbians
- masturbation
- matriarchy
- mechanics
- media
- \*medical self help
- medicine
- meditation/message
- lesbians and mental health
- \*mother/daughter relationships
- lesbian mothers
- mothers and marriage
- women musicians
- mythology of women

### N

- non-feminists

### O

- older lesbians

### P

- \*lesbians and paranoia
- parents and friends
- patriarchal games/influences
- "the personal is political—or really?"
- plants
- poetry
- lesbians and the politics of the left
- printing
- privacy/closet cases—where does one end, the other begin?
- lesbians in prisons
- lesbian professionals
- prostitutes/masseuses

- psychic healing

- \*psychotherapy—lesbian therapists

### R

- radical lesbianism
- \*rape
- single or multiple relationships
- lesbian relations—friends and lovers
- lesbians and religion
- rural gay women

### S

- sadism/masochism
- security
- self-defense
- \*sensuality and sexuality
- lesbian separatism
- singles lesbians
- midnight to dawn speed-rappers' rap
- spirituality
- sports
- being straight at a gay conference
- lesbians into straight relationships
- the natural superiority of the lesbian

### T

- teachers
- lesbian theatre
- third world lesbians
- \*lesbians and transsexuals
- transitions

### U

- 'ugly' lesbians

### V

- gay virgins

### W

- weaving
- what are we telling our younger "sisters"
- winning a political race
- \*witchcraft
- women, lesbians—men—and the future
- \*womenpower
- lesbians and the Women's Movement
- lesbians and work
- work and the assembly line
- working for 'Ma' Bell
- working class lesbians
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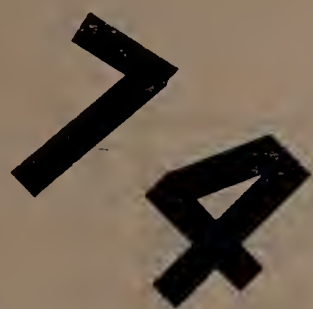
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A conference-celebration for women-identified-women will happen this October on Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 11-14). Organized by and oriented toward lesbians, it is a meeting for: Amazons -- women, self-reliant or wanting to be; women, daring and courageous or wanting to be; women, loving women or wanting to; **CONFERENCE '74: AN AMAZON EXPEDITION** welcomes all women.

The *Expedition* is more than just a happening, it is a process that has already begun and is hoped to continue beyond a fall weekend. It is women feeling the flow of energy between one another, working together to build and channel those energies toward a growth as individuals and as a movement. It is women sharing their knowledge, skills, love and joys.

Activities are now being focussed on in preparation for the *Conference* itself: planning, fundraising, publicity, and workshop determination. Participation in planning the *Expedition* is a unique opportunity for women to become involved with their sisters in a constructive action. As the conference comes closer to becoming a reality, the need for more assistance in planning grows. You are invited to share in the planning, policy formation, the

## Coming Together

work and play of the *Expedition*. The most expedient way for you to become involved is to attend one of the general meetings, meet your sisters, discover for yourself what is going on, and join right in.

You can also share in shaping the conference by offering your help and suggestions on developing workshops (see facing page). Some of the workshops planned or suggested so far are: Lesbian Life Stories (An Oral Herstory), Mother/Daughter Relationships, Carpentry, Lesbian Professionals, Medical Self-Help, and "The personal is political--or really?"

In the process of raising funds, women have been brought together at concerts by *Lavender Jane* and Meg Christian. Many events are being planned for the Boston area, and throughout New England. We wish to extend these events into other areas; your ideas and organizing talents would be welcomed and appreciated.

Being scheduled are dances, with *The Deadly Nightshade*, and hopefully one with the *New Haven Women's Liberation Rock Band*. There will also be concerts, by Kay Gardner (of *Lavender Jane*), and Jade and Sasparilla (a women's instrumental and vocal duo). You can also look forward to a performance of the *Lesbian Science Fiction Liberation Theatre*.

Donations will be appreciated; but if you are trying to find a good way to help out and would like to, just envision yourself in an *AMAZON EXPEDITION* T-shirt. Orders are being taken now at \$3 each, plus 25c for postage. We hope to make good child-care facilities available. In order to do so, your participation and suggestions are vitally needed.



Please help us make **CONFERENCE '74: AN AMAZON EXPEDITION** a productive and enjoyable experience. We want many, many women-- all women-- to join us, to make the journey richer and more powerful for us all. Feel free to contribute whatever you are able or wish to: time, ideas, money, support, and love.

If you want more information about **CONFERENCE '74**, would like to contribute your ideas and energy, or to order T-shirts, write to **CONFERENCE '74**, c/o GCN, Box 2000, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Ma. 02108, or call the GCN office, (617) 426-4469.

### MEETINGS

The following is a list of general planning meetings immediately upcoming with phone numbers of contact persons who can give the location. (All numbers are Boston area.) Watch GCN calendar for additional meetings.

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# The View from the Closet

by A. Nolder Gay

## A BOUT WITH NOSTALGIA

It was good to see "A Very Natural Thing" again in Boston, especially in the company of so many friends. But once more the sensitive evocation of Manhattan brought a measure of pain. For me, the ambience emerging from the film was that of the bright New York of the 1950s, when I spent two years there as a naive young army officer, quite alone and buffeted by feelings I could not understand, much less admit openly. Against the background of some of the places depicted in the film (The Cloisters, Central Park, Washington Square, the beautiful old residential streets of lower Manhattan), I wrestled with an unknown daimon, and lost.

It was not very good to grow up gay in the 'fifties and probably still isn't if, as I was, you were brought up in rural New England. We had no way of knowing who we were; there were no accessible books on homosexuality; most of us were programmed to assume we'd meet and marry "the right girl" some day. I had dated a very nice girl in college and found her again in 1956, working in the East Harlem Protestant Parish. I asked her to marry me but she said no; we were twenty-three. She has since married, and I hope she is happier than she might have been with me.

At the same time, a strange something just beneath the conscious level was drawing me, like a lodestone, toward men. One symptom was being approached by other men, and reacting with shock and fear, although something in me I couldn't admit to myself must have encouraged them. One night on my way back from visiting relatives in New Jersey I got off the train at Christopher Street, to walk across the heart of Greenwich Village to the BMT line (for

exercise after the train ride, of course). I can still see the attractive blond in tight white chinos who came out of the shadows near Sheridan Square, ostensibly to ask me directions to a certain street. I didn't know where it was, pointed out a nearby policeman who might give directions, and was surprised when the boy drifted off in another direction. (Dumb! Dumb! Dumb!) And I wonder now what my life would have been like had I known enough, or had guts enough, to follow him that night.

I didn't work out my sexual identity clearly for another four years. The figure of David as a troubled monk in the opening shots of "A Very Natural Thing" also spoke to me, for at the age he came out of the monastery I was entering my own self-created one, constructed partly out of ethics and partly out of fear. Having spent the past year getting things together at last, I now know I was lamed in the New York of 1956 and 1957 in my struggle for authentic personhood, the struggle David and those like him have a chance of winning in the New York and the Boston of 1974.

I know that a lot of younger gays of both sexes read this column including, I suspect, some who are still going through intense confusion and even suffering over this business of being gay. To them, I say this: to go through life without having a single human being to love fully and completely is an emotionally crippling experience. Sublimation gets you past each day, but it isn't enough for a lifetime. Don't be afraid to know yourself fully, to accept yourself totally, and to find someone to love freely. The costs of acting on your self-knowledge and self-acceptance as a gay person may be high, but they are bearable. The costs of *not* acting on them are soul-destroying.

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John Kyper

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# Contemporary Gay Artists: Ned Rorem

by John Mitzel

*Pure Contraption: A Composer's Essays*  
by Ned Rorem. Holt, Rinehart and  
Winston, 149 pp (\$6.95).

As a writer, I've always had a certain admiration, even envy, for Ned Rorem. Not only is he a successful and acclaimed composer of particular gifts, he's a remarkable example of a creative hybrid: a musician and composer who also writes a clean and interesting prose.

His sixth and latest book is *Pure Contraption: A Composer's Essays*. Don't let the title mislead; this is not a technical work examining his art. Rather, the majority of these pages consists of reprinted reviews and commentary. Only segments of the musical criticism is too specialized for a layman. His general artistic criticism is, as it has been in the past, accessible to all intelligent publics. Also included are sketches of Paul Bowles and Julien Green which I found engaging.

"Every artist, to be identified as such, does his unique number," Rorem writes, "... my number is faking the shallow." Rorem's literary style is famous for its epigrams; he has a talent, as anyone who read his *Diaries* knows, for glib contrariness: "Half of being an artist today lies in promotional skill, yet to accept this condition is to be half an artist" e.g. Some find this flow of epigrams depressing, and consequently dismiss Rorem's prose as mere puffs of obvious commentary wrapped in superficial wit.

Yet Ned Rorem's abilities, even if intentionally modest in ambition, are also in-

triguing. There's an essential honesty in N.R.'s writing and style (c.f. the interview with Rorem in the current joint issue of *Fag Rag-Gay Sunshine*) that strikes me as incontestably American, and, I think, unmistakably representative of a Gay Sensibility.

Ned Rorem, despite self-inflicted torments like his famous alcoholism, has been one of Life's favored since his birth. He's known everyone, been everywhere, been winned, dined, and I'll bet bedded by just about all he sought. (He includes in this volume a touching and personal remembrance of Paul Goodman written upon the poet's death.) And though Rorem is now in his early 50s — and tired, absolutely tired of hearing this — he communicates a refreshing interestedness in social and artistic life in his profession and among his peers.

He blends in right measure delicious personal gossip with insight, opinion with recollection, tribute with instruction. I welcome *Pure Contraption* as the newest in the growing shelf of books by Rorem. About Paul Bowles, another composer who is better known for his prose writing, N.R. remarks: "This need not imply a superior literary talent; indeed, if history recalls him, it will be for his musical gifts. It's just that ten times more people read books than go to concerts." I'm among that multiple, and though this encomium may also turn out to be true for Rorem, I find that, as one reader who is unfamiliar with N.R.'s famous art songs, his prose seems gift enough.



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The Para-Professional Counselor Train-  
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Individual tutoring with native speaker  
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### jobs offered

GCN needs folders every Tuesday after-  
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EVERYBODY'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
(the HCHS Bookstore) needs women  
staff members. If interested, please call  
Judi at (617) 628-3870. We can talk  
about it. Sorry, no pay.

GCN desperately needs someone with  
car to do some distribution Tues. af-  
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Leave note for Marion.

### FUNDRAISING

People able to help in fundraising  
(time, ideas, legwork)!!! We now have  
a coordinator and want to begin active-  
ly searching out funds. If you can help  
in any way, please write Joe Demaios  
At GCN, 22 Bromfield St., Boston,  
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name and number for Joe at the GCN  
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#### FEATURE EDITOR FOR GCN

GCN is hiring for the half-time position  
of Feature Editor. Job description and  
application available at GCN office.  
Deadline for application is Aug. 6.

"Closet Space" needs a few good wo-  
men & men to work on the world's only  
"Gay Magazine on Radio." News, inter-  
views, research, plays, performers—all  
are open areas for people to put their  
energies on the air, behind the scenes,  
or engineering—come join us! Call Gay  
Media Action or write to Closet Space,  
WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Camb. 02139 or  
write GCN Box 5000.

Important issues and people will be  
voted on in Boston this autumn. We  
urge all our readers in the area to regis-  
ter to vote NOW. Go to City Hall,  
Gov't Center, weekdays 9-5.



GCN needs writers. Please apply to GCN, 22 Bromfield, Boston, or call 426-4469. Come join us.

**COUNSELOR/SUPERVISOR-P'TOWN**  
Assume case load of 12 clients seen on an individual basis & be responsible for organizing & running an ongoing group. Supervise the case loads of 6 counselors. Minimum of 5 years exper. in counseling essential; demonstrate supervisory ability necessary. This is a responsible position requiring an appropriate level of educ. and exper. Salary, \$10,000 per year. Send resume to: Coordinating Committee, Provincetown Drop-In Center, 6 Gosnold St., Provincetown, Mass. 02657. Applications due by Aug. 13. The P'town Drop-In Center is a private, non-profit corp. We are a licensed drug treatment facility & provide out-patient counseling, crisis intervention, legal aid & medical services for residents & visitors to the lower Cape.

organizations

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH** meets for worship every Sunday at 6:45 p.m., 131 Cambridge St., Boston (Old West Church). Fellowship hour 8:15 p.m. Rev. Lawrence Bernier and Rev. Nancy Wilson, pastors. All persons are welcome. Telephone 523-7664.

Gay study group forming--to study Gay Liberation, Marxism, Feminism, Socialism, Racism etc. Group determines where we go, when we meet, what to do. Call Judi at (617) 628-3870, let's talk.

**DIGNITY/PROVIDENCE**  
S. New England chapter of national fellowship of gay and straight, female and male Catholics et. al. Write Box 2231, Pawtucket, R.I. 02861.

personals

Holders of GCN Box Numbers 90, 124, 138 - please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope or your mail will be fed to our new Tree, Shri Palmananda.

**EASTERN CT.-WORCESTER AREA**  
GWM 28 5'7" 130 lbs gd bod & lks. Seek to meet GWM 25-35 for friendship & gd fun. Into film, music, country life & all Boston offers. Send desc photo & photo if possible. Box 49, Putnam, Conn. 06246. Let's give it a try!

New to Marshfield. Where does one meet other gays: bars or beaches, for friendship? GCN Box 169.

To our friends at Oscar Wilde Bookstore in N.Y.C. "Hello" from GCN.



**BOYCOTT JAPAN**  
Until the Japanese stop slaughtering the last of the world's whales, we ask you not to buy any Japanese products. Also write their companies and tell them why you're not buying.

An eco-homo

Are there any sincere, together, yng, bi or GWM vegetarians who would like to visit same in Vt.? Dig mellow guys, long-hairs & students. Many interests, intell. & gd-lkg. Trust me. P.O. Box 652, Burlington, Vt. 05401.

So many try to say Not Now,  
So many have forgotten how  
To say I Am, and would be  
Lost, if they could, in history.

No wonder then so many died of grief.  
So many are so lonely as they die;  
No one has yet believed or liked a lie...

W. H. Auden

**FREE CLASSIFIED ADS**  
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GWM, 30, professional, would like to share backrubs, long walks, movies, and scrambled eggs (by candlelight?) with similar, unattached male. GCN Box 157.

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE YOU!!**

**AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Wanted--Uninhibited subject--photographer for fun only. Have camera and BW darkroom. Your place or outdoors for shots. GCN Box 155.

**RURAL LIVING SIT. SOUGHT**  
by male, 25, flexible but prefer an organic & alt. lifestyle. Same int? Please write: Bill Sorn, Syr. GFL, 103 College Pl., Syracuse 13210.

**PAUL SHANLEY,**  
Hope you are recovering from your illness, speedily and with good cheer.  
The GCN Staff

**EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, GAY**  
28, 5'11", 155 lbs., blond. Usually I'm French active/Greek passive. Sincere and open to many scenes. Travelled, well educated. Bill, Box 31, E.L., Mich., 48823

Persons interested in concrete activities for promoting a feminist and socialist consciousness in the gay movement are asked to call Ed Tynan (723-5779) or write c/o GCN.

**A LITTLE CHAMBER MUSIC?**  
GM, 35, would like to get in practice by reading through wind or string sonatas with other baroque people. Have harpsichord. Charlestown. GCN Box 158.

**DALE THOMPSON,**  
Why hasn't Lorrie received her prizes yet from the Gay Pride Week movie drawing?

**GOOD GAY BUTTONS & BOOKS**  
The HCHS bookstore (Everybody's Autobiography) has a growing selection of good gay books. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 6-9 p.m., 419 Boylston St., 4th floor; ring night bell 4 times.

**EAST CONN. GAYS, BIs AND ??**  
Gays Bis Undecided or Straights seeking gay alliance or mates, for fun and pleasure call 203-889-7530 after 6 p.m. Come out of the closet liberate yourself enjoy and live your life according to your desires and belief.

Should a magazine be an outlet for racism? The *Advocate* recently ran a classified ad for Nazis. I urge a boycott of that magazine by New England's gay community, and a letter campaign to tell them why you are boycotting. Racism must not be laughed off. Does it take another 6 million Jews before we take this all seriously?

Sincerely, Satya

When I was a child  
And she was a child  
In this kingdom by the sea,  
We loved with a love  
That was more than a love,  
Me and my Millie.

**DARE TO BE YOURSELF!!**

**LONELY ON CAPE**  
GWF desires same for friendship, fun, possibly more. I'm lonely. How about you? Will answer all replies. GCN Box 137.

**SELF-ACTUALIZING MALE**  
Bearded longhair college prof into encounter, weights, simple country life, vegetarianism; now building NJ barn into house but want to find way to develop "new age" community. Want strong healthy male counterpart to love, live, build with. Dig? Call Ralph (201) 875-4710.

**CONCORD, N.H. AREA**  
GWM, gd lkg, 140 lbs, 5'11" 24 yrs. masc lkg, honest, sincere seeks same 7-35 inter music, art, books. Send letter, phone & photo. No fems. GCN Box 168

GF 20 new to Worc area anxious to get away from ports o' call would like to meet other GFs. Like woodsy outward bound flannel shirt women. GCN Box 162.

Everybody's Autobiography (the HCHS Bookstore) is now doing mail orders! For a list of mail order selections please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Everybody's Autobiography, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 403, Boston, Mass. 02116.

Are there any G. M. or W. around Bos., living, lived or plan to live in the country there? Am doing so in Ohio, but lack a close gay community and worthwhile employment. Would anyone like to share their success or failure with me. I need some reassurance to leave 55 acres of beautiful land, to settle in Boston. Randy Cottrill, Box 93, Bremen, Ohio 43107.

GM, 32, BLACK, SKS WM, 21-35: Intr. in masc col. type who also dislikes bars. Must respect Blk Pride-People; be prof or stu. intr. in art/music. Phone helps. Box 448, Boston 02215.

**MARK LOVES BERNIE**  
"We must love each other or die"  
W. H. Auden

**GAY PHOTO SERVICES**  
Sympathetic, qualified pre-professional photographer, specializing in gay portraits, singles, couples. Call Dan at (617) 277-2484

**GUYS-TIRED OF ROUTINE SEX?**  
GWM 24 gdlkg med bld would like to meet GWM 16-45 clean gdlkg masc willing to try new things--golden shower or your ideas. Reply w/foto/fone ans first. Describe self + interests. No SM, drugs, futs. GCN Box 161.

Dear GCN,  
Best of luck with your paper. Remember me on election day.  
Sincerely, Richard M. Nixon

**BOST. LOSES BERN TO FLORIDA**  
and I miss you. Things going well enuff here am def. moving to N. End or N.Y.C.! Mama & kids OK with Artie Bob Fred Gary Mark send love Book's really coming along Italy next week I'll write love you always, Barbara.

**SINGLE GW JM IN CENT. MASS.**  
30 yr old M desires friendship & possibly more with other M 25-35. Must be together. Bars, streets, T-rooms not my bag. Sincere people only. GCN Box 165.

**BIRTHDAY?**  
Surprise your friends with a birthday classified in GCN.

**MORN + THE GREATER LIGHT**  
Spill moistwetairbeams on Mr. Grob. Steve whispers, touches me + my heart beams Sat Nam! Sat nam!  
-Demian

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**JOHN,**  
The gay community of Boston will miss you. Our loss is Hawaii's gain.  
-Satya

**REGISTER TO VOTE:**  
Last day in Massachusetts is Aug. 10.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Is it a crime to fall in love?"--from the musical, Cabaret.

**GIRLS OR2 IF U UNDRSTAND!**  
GWM 25 6' 185 looking 4 GWM 15-22? Clean cut col type! Rite! Am col grad & have apt & car. No S&M, drugs! PO Box 179, Astor, Mass. 02123. Picture ans first or phone!!!

**ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE**  
GWM into organic living and self-sufficiency farming like to hear from gay male interested in homesteading in northern Vermont or Maine. Bob, GCN Box 167.

Petals Soft  
Upon my breast  
Touching  
Into your garden  
Let me wander  
Gentle Lady  
We are as Love Explodes

**GWF, 24 YRS. OLD**  
rovidence area, wants to meet other ems/butches. Will come to Boston. Also horses, golf, sunsets all are of interest. New at it all--but love it. P.O. Box 3862, No. Prov. RI 02911.

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Ethel Mae Potter is Love.

**WHEN WILL WE BE FREE?**  
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Include area code in all telephone numbers appearing in ad.

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Place a new or renewal subscription to GCN and receive a free classified ad consisting of a 25 character headline and 140 character ad. You must, however, pay the regular ad rates if you wish a box number and/or extra characters.

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would like to meet someone who could help finance purchase of a business property in historic Boston on Charles St. PO Box 9213, Boston 02114.

**WANT A FRIEND? NOT A LOVER?**  
Are you good looking, but shy? 18-30? Don't like cruising? I'm WM, 32, 6'2", 170 lbs, well end., and I'd like to meet you. If you just want to talk that's OK. If you want more, that's OK too. Chris Alan, Box 250, Roxbury Crossing Station, Boston, Mass. 02120.

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TO RONNIE, friend/roommate/lover (or whatever title will do), much love & affection.  
—John K.

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Ride needed to Wisconsin around August 16th. Will share driving & expenses. Call Bernie at 783-1627.

**RIDES**  
Wanted—Weekend rides to any New England recreation area or Coney Island. One or two day round trips preferred. Will pay all expenses of gas, etc. Call only after 8:30 p.m.—662-7828.

## roommates

**WTD: F RMMT. FOR DORCH. APT.**  
3 F (1' gay) sk resp 1' rmt. Own rm. \$38/mo+U. Veg garden, safe area, MBTA Redline. No drugs; no more pets. Call eves 825-9476, Xenia or Barbara.

Gay male cpl seek sgl or cpl to share lux duplex, South End, own room, w/fpl, ww, AC, BW, wash-dryer, very secure. \$212+util. Call evenings 617-482-2655.

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Own room, comf. cheap Somerville apt. W/ 2 gay left feminists. If you're quiet & responsible call 776-0152 wkdays or eves. Nr. Porter Sq. & MBTA.

3 GF & 1 F child nd roommates Aug. 15+on. Rent \$63 month. Quiet st. in Allston nr trans. Backyard & own rm. Co-op living, lg. house. Call 783-9415.

F (adult) share 2 fl S. End Twnhse with 2 supportive, but independent lesb./feminists. V. large 3 br with dr, lr, study, ww, dw/disp., V. safe st. \$150+ elect. Immed. or 9/1. Call 266-7679.

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**CONCORD HOME**  
Working mother, 2 girls, many pets, wld like to share big, friendly, hse w/ another mother or s woman. Sit 3 nights in exchange for rent. Call Paula, 369-6434.



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Gay law student arriving in Boston Sept. 1st seeks apartment (efficiency or 1 bedroom) or will share apartment or house. Can spend \$120-\$180/mo. It should be clean, neat, quiet, and in Back Bay area. You may call me collect (814) 724-2450 after 11 pm or write GCN Box 164.

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## wanted

Wanted: Weekend rides to resorts such as Old Orchard, Coney Island, Hampton or Salisbury Beaches, etc. Sat. and/or Sun. Will pay for all gas on round trips; 1/2 of gas on one way trip. Write: Boxholder, P.O. Box 154, Dorchester, Mass. 02125.

**SERIOUS CRAFTSPERSON** who would like to share good, light, inexpensive working space w/ photographer and leathercrafter in Back Bay, please send details to GCN Box 160.

**COLLEGE SUPPLEMENT** upcoming. Articles and suggestions needed immediately. Contact Nancy Burnett at GCN. Write 22 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass. 02108 or call 426-4469.

GCN desperately needs a long work table with smooth surface for layout of the paper. Please help.

Tennis partner wanted at least several mornings a week, about 7:30 a.m., average ability. Cambridge area. See Laura McMurry or write GCN Box 077 NOW!

## WANTED

More black and third world people to help with GCN. We need your articles, energies, and opinions. Help us serve the whole gay community.

Need sleeping bag(s). The kind that zip together. Call (617) 227-5667.

GCN needs 2 desks; donated, if possible. Call 426-4469.

**LET'S LISTEN TO YOU!**  
"Closet Space" offers 5 minutes of air time for anyone to comment on gay life and liberation. Only restrictions are FCC. Send your commentary c/o "We Dare You," Closet Space, WCAS, 620 Mass. Ave., Camb. 02159. Recording sessions to be arranged.

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## 7 wed

Plaingay, gays of Jamaica Plain, will meet tonight at 8 pm at 20 Bishop St., corner of Call St. Call Paul at 524-6417 if you need more information.

A meeting of the Massachusetts caucus of the Gay Nurses' Association will take place tonight at the home of John Lawrence, at 8 pm. This will be a major organizational meeting, so any persons interested are urged to attend. R.N.'s, L.P.N.s, aides and attendants, nursing students, all are encouraged to attend. Contact John at 266-5473 for more information.

## 8 thurs

A series of film benefits for various gay organizations will begin tonight and continue every Thursday night for six weeks. At 8:30 pm, CSMH, fare includes horror flicks, old movies, cartoons and other goodies. Donation: whatever you can afford.



Gay United Fund Group will meet tonight at 8 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, corner of Charles and Mt. Vernon Sts., Boston. Needed are as many people as possible; please come and contribute your ideas and energies.

## 9 fri

Dignity/Boston will sponsor a camping trip this weekend to Mt. Ascutney State Camping Grounds in Windsor, Vt. Lots of privacy, beautiful scenery, hiking, fishing, sleeping-in-woods, praying together... cost of staying at the park will be \$1/person/night; the cost of food and transportation hasn't been calculated yet. Number to call to let Nancy know if you're interested is 247-3123.



Kay Gardner of Lavender Jane will appear tonight in concert for the benefit of Conference 74: An Amazon Expedition. Will be held at 8 pm at the Charles Street Meetinghouse, 70 Charles St., Boston. Suggested donation will be \$2.50 at the door. An event by, and for, women. For more information please call 354-8807.

The library of HCHS is having a book drive... anyone with books to spare on the subject, negative as well as positive ones. The library is not at the lending stage yet, but is growing fast, and needs your help to continue. The HCHS bookstore is also in need of committed volunteers to staff the store... women are particularly urged to participate. For more information, contact Judy Stein at 628-3870..

## 10 sat

B'nai Haskalah, the gay Jewish group, will hold an all-day convention today beginning with a call to worship at 11 am, at 1 pm the business meeting will take place; other events will continue throughout the day till 10 pm. All will take place at the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston. Expenses will amount to \$2 per person to defray the cost of lox. For more information, call (617) 265-6409.



## 14 wed

Providence, R.I., premiere of "A Very Natural Thing" at the Elmwood Theatre. The first 500 seats have been donated for the benefit of MCC/Providence by Esquire Theatres and the New Line Cinema.

The first formative rap for starting a Gay Union of Pioneer Valley (Western Massachusetts-Amherst) will take place tonight at 7 pm at the Amherst Resource Center, 2nd floor, Jones Library. All welcome.

## 17 sat

MCC Dinner-Theater starts at 7:30 pm tonight. Virginia ham, garden salad, and all the fixin's will be served... Sound films will be Laurel and Hardy in *Men O'War* and *Brats*, and Charles Chaplin in *The Fireman* and *The Floorwalker*. Takes place at MCC Fellowship Hall, Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St., Boston... Tix are \$4 per person, and may be obtained at Old West, or by calling 523-7664.

Please submit calendar items to Calendar Editor, GCN, by midnight on Thursday prior to the date of publication.

## everyweek

### WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm—Gay Support & Action, Unitarian Parish House, Bangor, Maine.  
7:10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St. Providence  
7:30 pm—DOB Lesbian Mothers Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
8:00—Bisexual Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415  
8:00 pm—Gaybreak Radio, WMUA, 91.1 FM, Amherst (first and third Wednesdays)

### THURSDAYS

10:00 am—Gay News, WCAS, 740 AM  
8:00 pm—DOB Rap for Older Women, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
8:00 pm—Lesbian Liberation meeting, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge

9:00 pm—Gay Way Radio, WBUR 90.9 FM  
12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House  
Evenings—Gay Rights Organization, Portland, Maine

### FRIDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm—Harvard-Radcliffe GSN, Brooks House; info: 498-3096  
7:00 pm—Wilde-Stein Club, Univ. of Maine, Memorial Union  
8:30 pm—B'nai Haskalah, Old West Church, Boston  
1 am-5 am—MCC Providence Coffee House  
Women's Liberation Center  
Hartford 523-8949

### SATURDAYS

1:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197  
1:00-3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Youth, 82 Franklin St. Rm. 31, Worcester  
2:00 pm—Boston Gay Youth, open rap & meeting, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 509

1 am-5 am—MCC Providence Coffee House  
3:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union Radio, WCUW 91.3 FM

### SUNDAYS

10:30 am—Closet Space, WCAS, 740 AM  
1:00 pm—DOB softball, Magazine Beach, Cambridge  
2-4 pm—Gay Women of Providence rap, etc. 861-5495  
4:00 pm—MIT SHL meeting, Rm. 1-132 (first & third Sundays)  
5:30 pm—Exodus Mass, St. Clement's Church, 1105 Boylston St., Boston  
6:30 pm—MCC Boston hymn-sing, worship and fellowship, Old West Church, Boston  
7:00 pm—MCC Providence services, 75 Empire St., Providence. 831-3773  
7:30 pm—MCC Hartford, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1 Amity St.  
8:00 pm—Worcester Gay Union, 82 Franklin St., Worcester, Rm. 31

12M-3 am—MCC Providence Coffee House

### MONDAYS

7:00-10:00 pm—Bisexual Phone Line, 266-5347  
7:10 pm—MCC Health Center, 75 Empire St., Providence  
8:00 pm—Daughters Of Bilitis Topic Rap, 419 Boylston St., Boston, Rm. 323

### TUESDAYS

6:30-9:30 pm—Boston Gay Youth, 536-6197  
7:00 pm—Lesbian Therapy Research Project, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge  
7:30 pm—DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323  
7:30 pm—Transvestite Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 415 (first and third Tuesdays)  
7:30 pm—MCC prayer group, 75 Empire St., Providence, 831-3773. Rap session follows.

## QUICK GAY GUIDE

(Please submit additions and changes to "QGG Editor")

### BOSTON AREA

(area code 617)

Bisexual Rap Counseling Group 864-8181  
Boston Gay Youth 536-6197  
Boston College Homophile Union 734-7223  
B'nai Haskalah (Gay Jewish Group) 265-6409  
Cambridge Women's Center 354-8807  
Charles Street Meetinghouse 523-0368  
Civil Liberties Union of Mass. 227-9469  
Closet Space (WCAS 740 AM) 492-6450  
Daughters Of Bilitis 262-1592  
Dignity/Boston  
c/o 1105 Boylston St., Boston 02215  
Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts,  
Room 34, 96 Beacon St., Boston 02108  
Fag Rag 536-9826  
Fenway Community Health Center 267-7573  
Fengay, c/o Thom Nylund 267-0516  
Gay Academic Union  
c/o DOB, 419 Boylston St., Boston 02116  
Gay Alert 523-0368, 267-0764, 536-3285  
Gay Community News 426-4469  
Gay Media Action 868-5729  
Gay Nurses Alliance 266-5473  
Gay People of UMass/Boston 287-1900x3236  
Gay Speakers Bureau 547-1451  
Gay Way Radio (WBUR 90.9 FM) 353-2790  
Gender Identity Service 864-8181  
Good Gay Poets 536-9826  
Hang In There Help-Line (H.I.T.) 738-0486

Homophile Community Health Service 266-5477  
Homophile Union of Boston 536-6197  
Lavender Hour (WBCN 104.1 FM) 266-1111  
Lesbian Liberation (c/o Women's Center) 354-8807  
Lesbian Mothers 354-8807  
Lesbian Therapy Research Project 354-8807  
Metropolitan Community Church 523-7664  
MIT Student Homophile League 494-8227  
Project Place 267-9150  
Fr. Paul Shanley 267-0764  
Unitarian Gay Caucus 282-4977

### EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS (AC 617)

Homophile Union of Massachusetts  
P.O. Box F5, Leominster  
MCC Study Group of Worcester  
P.O. Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543  
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387  
Provincetown Homophile Assistance League, Box 674, Provincetown 02657  
New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1070  
SMU Gay Alliance, SMU Campus Center, N. Dartmouth 02747  
Tufts Gay Community, c/o HUB 628-0828  
Worcester Gay Union, P.O. Box 359  
Federal Sta., Worcester  
Worcester Gay Youth, Box 273, Rutland, Mass. 01543

### WESTERN MASS. (AC 413)

Amherst Gay Hotline (men & women) 545-0154

Everywoman's Center (Amherst) 545-0883  
Gaybreak Radio (WMUA 91.9 FM) 253-5171  
Hampshire College Gay Friends 542-4889  
Southwest Women's Center (Amherst) 545-0626  
UMass Student Homophile League 545-0154  
Valley Women's Center (Northampton) 586-2011

### RHODE ISLAND (area code 401)

Brown University Gay Liberation, c/o Student Activities Office, Brown U., Providence 02912  
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861  
Gay Women of Providence 861-5495 & 942-2094  
Homophile Community Health Service (Providence) 274-4737  
MCC Providence & Coffee House 831-3773  
Kingston Gay Liberation 792-5817

### VERMONT (area code 802)

Gay In Vermont (Burlington) 863-2496  
Gay Students Org., Box 501, Goddard College, Plainfield 05667  
Vermont Gay Women 425-2782  
Women's Switchboard 862-5504

### CONNECTICUT (area code 203)

George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford 522-2646  
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Sta., New Haven 06520  
Gay Alliance, c/o UConn Women's Center 486-4738  
Kalos/Gay Liberation Hartford 568-2656  
MCC Hartford 522-5575  
Hartford Gay Counseling 522-5575

### NEW HAMPSHIRE (area code 603)

Univ. N.H. Gay Students Organization, c/o Memorial Union, Durham 03824  
Women's Group, P.O. Box 137, Northwood 03261  
Do not use "gay" on any mail to this group

### MAINE (area code 207)

Bangor Unitarian Gay Church  
P.O. Box 1046, Bangor 04401  
Brunswick Gay Women's Group, 136 Maine St., Brunswick 04011  
Gay Liberation Front, c/o General Delivery, Calais 04619  
Gay Rights Organization, (GRO), P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04114  
Gay Support and Action, 183 Main St., Bangor 04401  
Hancock County Gays, P.O. Box 275, Ellsworth 04605  
Maine Gay Task Force, Box 4542, Portland 04114  
Lambda, 30 Cumberland St., Brunswick 04011, c/o Fortuna & Leo  
Lewiston Gays, c/o D. Courteau, 76 Nichols St., Lewiston 04240  
The Bridge, Box 901, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901  
Wilde-Stein Club, Abenaki-Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473  
Women's Newsletter, Bath 443-5855